(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Programmes have been drawn up to secure active participation of the people and in particular the youth in the implementation of Ganga Action Plan as follows:-

(i) In Varanasi City, about 3,500 students performed Shramdan for cleaning of the ghats immediately after the monsoon.

(ii) An Orientation Workshop for Nehru Yuvak Kendras|National Service Scheme Coordinaters has been held to prepare a programme for disseminating information about the problems of pollution and to secure participation of youth in the implementation of Ganga Action Plan.

(iii) A multi-media and multi-lingual programme to develop public awareness about the problems of river pollution and to promote actions for maintaining river purity has been prepared and will be launched during the ensuing Kumbh Mela at Hardwar.

(iv) Doordarshan, AIR and other units of the I & B Ministry have made arrangements for dissemination of information about the Ganga Action Plan and its progress on a continuing basis.

Military solution of Sri Lankan problem

439. DR. SHYAM SUNDER MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the announcement of President of Sri Lanka to solve ethnic problem by means of military solution;

(b) whether Government are also aware of call of Smt. Bhandaranaike for a war against the Tamils; and

(c) if the answers to parts (a) and (b) above be in the affirmative, what is the reaction of the Government of India in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Government are aware of press reports in which statements have been attributed to the president of Sri Lanka indicating that he would seek a military solution to what he believed was a military problem before attempting to find a political solution. The Sri Lankan Government through its High Commission in India have however, conveyed that they are not seeking a military solution but remain committed to finding a political solution.

(b) Government have seen press reports containing statements attributed to Mrs. Bandaranaike in which she was quoted as saying that the people of the hill country would one day have to get ready for a war with the estate workers.

(c) Government have taken note of the message conveyed through diplomatic channels that the Sri Lanka Government remains committed to finding a political solution, but are distressed and concerned by the statements attributed to Sri Lankan leaders.

Visit of the Prime Minister of South Korea

440. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether adequate security measures are being taken up during the visit of Prime Minister of South Korea in March, 1986, in view of the bomb blast in Rangoon two years ago; and

(b) whether Government propose to renew invitation extended to the Prime Minister of Democratic Peoples Republic of Korea which had been postponed after 1982 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (Shri K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is receiving Government's attention.